

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, July 2, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Beinn Bhreagh, Victoria County, Cape Breton, N. S. July 2nd (1896) My dear Alec:

At last your telegram telling me of Elsie has come. I wish you would answer my telegrams promptly, what is the use of spending money on telegrams unless you want a prompt answer and I put an "answer" in to make sure. It has put me out not knowing about Elsie, and I am just overwhelmed with all the things to be done immediately. On the whole I am glad Elsie staid. She has been away so long that when she comes I want to do something for her, but it would not be convenient to do so now. I have got my hands full putting the lodge and Crescent Grove in order, then there are things to be done about the house and dresses to be made that by and by we may be free to have a nice time.

Poor Day is working hard with her picture play, and finds it very discouraging work. She is persevering however, and I am very much pleased with the spirit she is showing. I think she will get it done, but it will take nearly all summer, as it keeps her employed out of doors all the time, I don't object.

I think I must have a party to show my rhodendrons they are so magnificent and the grounds never looked better. How I wish you could see them and everything else on the place, and how I want you all the time.

I am so glad to know that you are well even if it is hot. Do try and keep so. Now that your work has fairly begun, I begin to count the days until you return.

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Daisy and I staid overnight at the lodge yesterday, that is why I did not write. We meant to go again tonight, but Lina arrived sooner than we expected. She had a very good passage and seems well.

But it is late and I was up at 6:30 this morning so goodnight.

Much love to my little girl, Ever yours,